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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
AND PROGRAM

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2006  
the term for response to which expires on October 5, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-4, 14-19,  
29-34 and 44-57 are maintained; claims 5, 7-9, 20, 22-24, 35 and  
37-39 are amended; and claims 6, 10-13, 21, 25-28, 36 and 40-43  
are canceled.

**Remarks** begin on page 32 of this paper.